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The West Valley Bulletin Board Summarizes Survey Results; Begins 9th Year

This week's West Valley Bulletin Board is the first issue of its ninth year. In preparation to begin this next year, The West Valley Bulletin Board has tallied the results of the annual anniversary survey which asked readers to rate their favorite features in the West Valley Bulletin Board.

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In the survey, circling the number 1 gave that feature the top rating; circling number 2 indicated "just okay"; and number 3 registered the reader's least favorites.

With this method, the lower the number, the higher the rating.

Local people stories came in number one this year. Local business news came in second with a one point difference.

Random facts and humor took third this year with a tie in fourth place with classified ads and local photos. Activity notices came in fifth.

And, again, the word search puzzle outranked the crossword puzzle by a bigger gap than in years past.

"Corky," the little clown who's hidden in the paper each week, did not fare well in the scoring again this year. Last year, he came in last place, this year he came in second to last. School board reports took the final spot. Many readers comment and request Corky often, and now with his friend, Bubbles, he will be sticking around, possibly enjoying new adventures.

City council reports, obituaries, the monthly community calendar and information for services and food for those in need all ranked in the top ten.

We'd like to thank our survey participants for their kind words of encouragement noted on their entry coupons, including ideas of printing Corky's location in the next issue, crossword solutions, more sports, and highlighting local volunteers.

We will use the survey results and reader's comments as a guide to help us fill The West Valley Bulletin Board with the stories, photos, and features community members tell us they enjoy the most.

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VETERANS OUTREACH



Are you ready for another column about suicide prevention and mental health? I hope you nodded yes because this is a significant step in the fight against Veteran suicide.

As of this past Jan. 17, Veterans in acute suicide crisis can go to any VA or non-VA health facility for emergency mental care at no cost to the Veteran. This includes inpatient or crisis care for up to 30 days and outpatient care for up to 90 days. Enrollment in the VA system isn't required to use this benefit.

Who is eligible for this benefit? To be eligible, you must meet one or more of the following cri-

- •Served more than 24 months of active service.
- •Served more than 100 days in a combat contingency or support of a combat contingency opera-
- Any victims of sexual assault, a battery of a sexual nature, or sexual harassment.
- •In all cases, Veterans cannot have a dishonorable discharge. Suicide prevention data showed

that Veteran suicides decreased in 2020 for the second year in a

If you know of a Veteran with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) who is showing signs of losing the struggle, talk to them, encourage them to speak to someone, and give them a ride to whatever facility they wish. If you are a friend or family, call 988, press 1 for confidential support.

For local in-person support talk to Bobby at the American Legion in Sheridan.

Communication is the first step to the PTSD treatment needed to prevent Veteran suicide.

Spring Into Gardening Workshop Set March 18

Yamhill County Master Gardeners Association and Yamhill County OHSU Extension Service will host, "Spring into Gardening" workshop from 8:45 a.m-4 p.m. on March 18 at Church on the Hill in McMinnville. Registration is available at YCMGA.org.



Well, the sun has come out, but it forgot to bring some warm air with it. The mornings are still dang chilly and the frost on the roofs looks like snow. Br.r.r.r.

The daffodils and tulips are ready to come up in full force, but aren't too sure yet. Can't say that I blame them.

I know...this is just February, but spring is supposed to be not too far away. Hoping for a warm spring to arrive soon is "What's Up in Willamina."

Luncheon to Benefit West Valley Campus

The ladies' group of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church will host a St. Patty's Day luncheon on at 1 p.m. on Saturday. March 11. at the church, in the meeting room downstairs.

This luncheon will benefit the West Valley Community Cam-

Everyone is welcome. However, reservations are required by March 3. Call either 503-560-9931 or 503-435-8522.

The event will feature a raffle, silent auction, food, and friendly people. Donations will be accepted.



Local Family Lost Home, **Possessions and Pets**

Eric and Sharon Boekhoff's temporary trailer home caught fire Jan. 24.

The family was in the process of rebuilding the home they lost to a house fire on Feb. 5, 2020. Tragically, the family lost all be-

longings and their two dogs. Eric and Sharon Boekhoff have three sons, Aiden, 17, Nolan, 13, and Jonah, 12.

A donation account is open at First Federal in Sheridan. Donations can be made by referencing the Boekhoff family.

Obituaries

Robert (Bob) Autrey

Robert Autrey passed Nov. 29, 2020, due to cancer.

His wife wrote, "It has been a hard two years since Robert left us. I am hoping his sons will write a complete obituary soon."

Robert's ashes were placed in Depoe Bay, Ore.



Gary R. Yoast, 86, formerly of Independence, Ore., passed away Nov. 25 at his home in Willamina

A bring your favorite dish style potluck memorial service will be held from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, April 1, at the VFW, located at 771 NE Main Street in Willamina.



Donald F. Bird Mar. 23, 1935 - Jan. 26, 2023

Don passed away on Jan. 26, 2023, at home with family and hospice care by his side.

Don left behind his wife, Linda Fagan Bird, daughter Wendy Bird (Jack Martin), son Alan (Jeanette) Bird, three grandchildren, Morgan (Ethen) Treichler, Nathan (Abigail) Bird, Devan Bird, and one great-granddaughter, Winona.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, Roy Bird and Eleanor Howard Bird, brother Roy K. Bird, sister Shirlie Brandon, and half-sisters June Ledgerwood and Edith Applegate.

At Don's request, no services will be held. A family celebration of life will be held at a later date.

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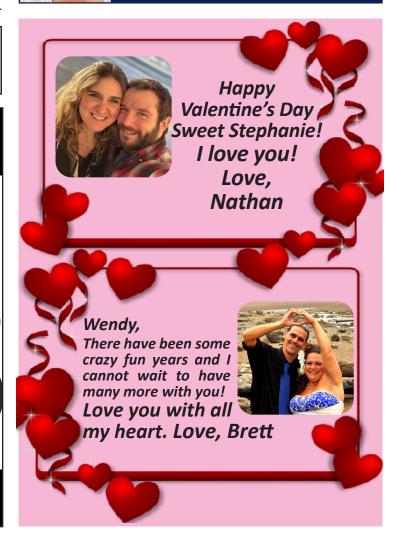
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With HB-3115 Deadline Rapidly Approaching; All

HB-3115 directs cities to consider their local ordinances within the context of available local shelter services and public spaces. What is essential to know about this is the 9th Circuit Court ruled that homeless persons cannot be punished for sleeping outside on public property in the absence of adequate alternatives or unless the law imposes "reasonable time. place, and matter" restrictions on the regulated activities in public space. In addition, the date was delayed to July 1, 2023, allowing local governments time to review and update ordinances and support intentional community conversations.

Homelessness is a multifaceted issue that does not have a single solution anymore than it has a single cause. Four of the most common types of homelessness are as follows:

Transitional homelessness is the most common form, challenging the misconception that homelessness is a "chronic condition." Transitional homelessness is a





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Wellness and Prevention

state of homelessness resulting from a major life change or catastrophic event. These changes might be a job loss, a health condition, divorce, domestic abuse, a substance abuse disorder, or a personal family crisis, among others, resulting in people being in unhoused situations for less than a year.

Many people experiencing transitional homelessness tend to be younger. Youth are often harassed and discriminated against when they seek alternative housing, contributing to their disproportionately high rate of homelessness. People who experience transitional homelessness may enter a transitional housing program for a limited time. They may also sleep in their cars or outside. Frequently these people still have jobs but cannot afford adequate housing. Episodic homelessness is when people experience at least three periods of homelessness within the past 12 months. Like transitional homelessness, many of those facing episodic homelessness are younger or have a disabling condition. These conditions could be substance abuse disorder, mental illness, or other mental and/or physical health conditions. In some cases, these people hold seasonal or minimum-wage jobs.

Without proper intervention and support, episodic homelessness can eventually become Chronic.

Chronic homelessness is an individual with a disabling condition who has been homeless for more than a year. It is common for people experiencing chronic homelessness to deal with a mental health condition, addiction, or other debilitating factors that restrict their ability to escape homelessness.

According to the National Alliance to End Homelessness, chronically homeless people tend to be older and make up about 17 percent of the home-

less population.

Hidden homelessness, are individuals who live with others temporarily without a permanent home. Sometimes they can stay with friends or relatives for lengthy stretches or sometimes stay night-to-night, referred to as "couch surfing." It is called "hidden homeless" because it is most often unnoticed. Since they cannot be identified, they are 'hidden' from national statistics.

Many in the hidden homeless population are younger people who have experienced a sudden catastrophic life event or trauma. Most people consider this to be less serious as it is less obvious than sleeping on the street. However, these people may find themselves in a deeper state of homelessness without resources and support.

As of right now, it is unclear how many of our residents may be affected by homelessness. There was a "point in time count" conducted by the Homeless Leadership Coalition (HLC) in 2022. Unfortunately, it did not single out the information for the cities, leaving the West Valley communities to assess the need in each of their respective cities.

On Thursday, Feb. 2, Sarah Frost, the current library director and former interim city manager, hosted a Willamina Homeless Response and Prevention meeting to start a community discussion on the topic and included speakers from Polk County and the surrounding communities.

During this meeting, table discussions were held with some crucial questions. What do you think is contributing to homelessness right now in your rural area? What are your expectations from your city, county, state, or federal government regarding homelessness? What are your expectations of your community regarding homelessness? If funding were not a barrier today, and work could begin tomorrow, what top two priority solutions would you like to see in our area?

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P: 503.434.6109 E: tcfd1@frontier.com C: 503.560.8009 E: dmbowers1@outlook.com All these thought-provoking questions were mulled over by the attendees, and Sarah gathered the data to form an action plan

Sarah will report her findings to the Willamina Council at its Feb.14 regular session and ask them to approve the next steps. On Monday, Feb. 6, the Sheridan City Council met in a special session with this topic as a main discussion. The discussion included many of the moving parts and questions that need to be answered. How large is the need? Why is there a need? Where is the most appropriate location to construct some type of housing? Do we have existing structures available to fill the need? Which community partners may be able to help donate materials or labor?

The council decided the best way to tackle such a large issue was to create a task force to tackle individual components. The task force will look at their individual components and return with ideas, viable options, and potential costs. They plan to return to a special session on Monday, Feb. 13, for more discussion.

Sheridan Mayor Marianne Thomson, Sheridan City Manager Heidi Bell, Willamina Mayor Ila Skyberg, and Willamina City Manager Bridget Meneley have been keeping an open line of communication regarding this topic.

On Friday, Feb. 10, The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde gave a tour of their pallet home village. Attendees included the mayors and city managers from Sheridan and Willamina, representatives from Polk County, and from other organizations. Eyes from surrounding communities have been on the progress of this village as it is the first in the area to be constructed.

The tour was led by Kelly Rowe, executive director of Health Services for the Confederated Tribes. The meeting was held at site one of the projects, with a second sight coming soon. This project was started in October, and Monday, Feb. 12,was the move-in day for the residents. All the units on this site are already slated to be filled.

Site one currently has ten 8-ft. x8-ft. units that include heating and air conditioning; a hygiene unit that has a shower stall and restroom; a community center unit that allows the residents a larger area to congregate;

West Valley Communities Work Toward A Plan

and an office unit. All of these units were purchased from Pallet Shelter, who also delivered and set them up. CTGR plans to add a laundry center, gazebo (or other open-air structure), and a food cart to this village. The village has a fence for privacy and an onsite case manager to assist residents directly or guide them to other programs, such as drug treatment, mental health counseling, resume, job search help, or other assistance.

The program is designed for residents to stay up to 12 months while they actively work on getting into permanent housing.

Potential residents filled out applications and consented to background checks. Some pets are allowed if they are registered and meet guidelines. No drug use is allowed inside the village, nor is any drug or paraphernalia storage. The village also has a 10 p.m. curfew.

Site two is slated to have 15 10ft.x10-ft. units and other amenities. The opening date for site two is yet to be determined.

When Kelly Rowe was asked how much each unit cost, she said, "Priceless. You should not put a cost on helping the community."



"The Dream Team," From left, Tresa Mercier, operation director, Health Services, Kelly Rowe, executive director, Health Services, Patty Henry, manager Behavioral Health, Michael Cherry Tribal Council. They were the driving force behind the implementation







Frontal view of three Pallet Shelters.

Inside the Pallet Sheltersare a fold-down bunk on each side.



Outside view of the community center.





Left, hygiene unit; right, one of the shelters. Both ADA compliant.



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1799 1st US printed ballots authorized. Pennsylvania.

1870 Ground broken for Northern Pacific Railway near Duluth, Minnesota.

1879 US Congress authorizes women lawyers to practice before Supreme Court.

1903 1st Teddy Bear introduced in America, made by Morris & Rose Michtom.

1926 Contract air mail service begins in US.

1933 President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt survives assassination attempt but Chicago Mayor Anton Cermak is mortally wounded, he would die on March 29.

1936 Adolf Hitler announces construction of the Volkswagen Beetle (the People's Car, aka the Käfer/Beetle).

1961 Plane crash kills entire US figure skating team outside Brussels airport in Belgium enroute to World Championships in Prague from NYC; 73 crew and passengers (including 34 American skaters, coaches, officials, and other team members), and a farmer on the ground are lost.

Free Teen Aviation Weekend Feb. 18-19

Teens age 14-19 can explore the exciting world of aviation for free from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18, and Sunday, Feb. 19, at Independence Airport, 4803 Airport Road, Independence, Ore. The event, sponsored by EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association), will allow teens to experience many fun aviation activities and explore career options.

Lunches and snacks will be pro-

Sign up on-line at eaa292.org/ teen-aviation-sign-up or contact Marcia Noell at (503)931-5127.

Schedule-Saturday, Feb. 18

- •Learn how airplanes fly.
- •See and touch aircraft from 1918-2022.
- Plot a flight plan.
- •Build a model airplane.

Sunday, Feb. 19

- •Build a piece of a real airplane.
- •Fly a simulator.
- •Schedule a future flight at the controls.
- Explore aviation career opportunities.

BLM Offers Fee Free Day In Honor of Washington

In honor of George Washington's birthday and to increase recreational access to public land, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will waive recreation standard amenity and day-use fees for visitors on Feb. 20, 2023.

The BLM invites the public to visit the unique and diverse natural landscapes and visitor facilities on BLM-managed lands to celebrate the life of the first U.S. President George Washington. This marks the second of the BLM's fee-free days of 2023. Fee-free days refer to the waiver of standard amenity fees and day-use fees, such as visitor centers, picnic/day use areas, and National Conservation Lands units where fees are charged. Expanded amenity fees and other fees, like group day use, overnight camping, cabin rentals, and individual special recreation permits, will remain in effect unless the authorized officer determines it is appropriate to

A MESSAGE FROM THE **WILLAMINA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

It was a busy, successful weekend for the Bulldog basketball and wrestling teams. Our wrestling team competed in the district wrestling tournament. Not only did the Bulldogs take top honors, we are sending eight athletes to the state competition. Coach Ariah Fasana was named coach of the year to add to his numerous accomplishments as a Bulldog wrestler and coach! We had three league champions: Adoniyah Stanton @ 120 lbs, Austin Johnson @ 152, and Rhyne Nelson @ 220. The Bulldogs had two 2nd place finishers: Kisor Savage @113 and Finnian Clemans @ 160 lbs. We had three students earn third-place honors; Kade Konovolav @ 138, Gage Bishop @ 145, and Bodhi Baller @ 195 lbs. Corben Hibdon and Shaun Jones each placed fourth, earning points toward the championship title, and may be eligible for a wildcard state entry. The state tournament is scheduled for the 24-25 of February in Portland.

I want to extend a shout-out to Sheridan High School for hosting our basketball playoffs games on short notice Saturday evening. Due to an unexpected power outage, our home playoff games for girl's and boys' basketball were moved to our neighboring district. Both teams proved to be victorious, with the girls beating Santiam and the boys clinching the win against the Colton Vikings. Both teams travel Monday for the second round of playoffs, the girls head to Colton, and the boys will play at Kennedy High School. If the wins continue, the girls will play Wednesday, and the boys will play Thursday, with teams and locations to be determined.

Our spring sports season will begin promptly at the conclusion of our winter sports season. Our track and field program is excited to have its first practice in the new facility. The baseball and softball programs will have a new batting cage to use this season. The building was constructed over the summer and fall, with a few interior items still in progress. We are so grateful to the many donors and funding opportunities that allowed for these improvements to our campus.

> With great Bulldog pride, Carrie Zimbrick, Superintendent

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS **In-Person Storytime** Tuesdays at 10:30am Feb. 4 - Kids craft10:30am-1pm Feb. 11 – Kids craft10:30am-1pm Feb. 18 – Kids craft10:30am-1pm



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Willamina Fourth of July Committee Reschedules Fundraiser for Feb. 18

Willamina's 4th of July Committee was forced to cancel last Saturdays Bingo fundraiser at the VFW due to a power outage across Willamina.

Bingo has been rescheduled for Saturday, Feb. 18, at the VFW Hall, at 771 NE Main St., in Willamina.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.; games will begin at 6:30 p.m.

A bake sale is planned, with all proceeds going toward Fourth of July expenses.

The committee will host a fundraiser dinner at the Wet Season Music concert scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at the West Valley Community Campus, 266 SE Washington Street in Willamina. On Saturday, April 8, the committee will hold its annual bake sale at Best Stop Market in Willamina. Raffle tickets to win a Pit Boss 850G pellet grill are now available at Skyberg's Lumber and Hardware in Willamina. Tickets are priced at \$5 each. Skyberg's Hardware donated the grill and all proceeds from ticket sales will go to the committee.

The Fourth of July Committee is a 501(c)3 organization, meaning donations can be tax deductible. Cash donations can be made to the Fourth of July Committee and mailed to P.O. Box 95, Willamina, OR., 97396.

The committee meets at 6 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at Coyote Joe's.



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Sheridan Tree of Giving to Host Volunteer Night and Bingo Fundraiser

The Sheridan Tree of Giving will host a volunteer open meeting at 6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 17. To RSVP and get location information email Rubi at sheridantreeofgiving@gmail.com or text 971-237-9376.

Multiple volunteer opportunities are available throughout the entire year. Come see what best fits for you. Bring fresh ideas and suggetions to help grow the organization to better serve the community.

A Bingo fundraiser will be held on March 11 at the Odd Fellows Lodge, located at 143 SW Monroe St., in Sheridan.

Tickets are on sale now for \$10 each.

The Sheridan Tree of Giving is also seeking donations for an

For ticket purchases or donations call or text Rubi Ramirez at 971-237-9376 or email sheridantreeofgiving@gmail.com.

Ruff Life Rescue Offers Free Pet Food Locally

Ruff Life Rescue, with help from community partners, distributes free pet food for those in need. Distribution of pet food is from 2-4 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at 421 N. Main St. in Willamina; from 2-4 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at 201 E. Main St. in Sheridan: and from 2-4 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at 29795 Salmon River Hwy. in Grand Ronde.

2023 First Federal Customer Ballots Sent

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Ballots allow you to choose two organizations. Organizations must receive at least 15 votes to receive a contribution. Voting for more than two organizations automatically voids your ballot. If only one organization is marked, it will count for two votes for that organization.

Due to a clerical error, the Willamina Fourth of July committee was left off the list. Write them in if you wish to vote for the Fourth of July committee. The Sheridan food bank is listed

as Grand Shermina Community Resources. If a Yamhill County 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization you would like to support is not on the list, write it in the space provided at the bottom of the ballot. If that nonprofit receives a minimum of 15 votes, First Federal will send them funds. and they will be added to next vear's ballot.

Mail the ballot by Tuesday, Feb. 28. No postage is necessary. You can check the final results online at www.firstfedweb.com and at the local branch.

Red Cross Blood Drives Planned March 6 and 20

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on Monday, March 6, at the Willamina Middle School campus, located at 1100 Oaken Hills Drive. in Willamina.

Willamina's VFW will host a second blood drive for the American Red Cross from 12:30-5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 20, at the VFW Hall, located at 771

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Rotary and Chamber Schedule Joint Meeting

Sheridan Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club of Sheridan will hold a joint meeting at noon on Wednesday, Feb. 22, in the upstairs conference room at the Sheridan Fire Department. Sheridan Chamber and Rotary meetings are open to all intered-

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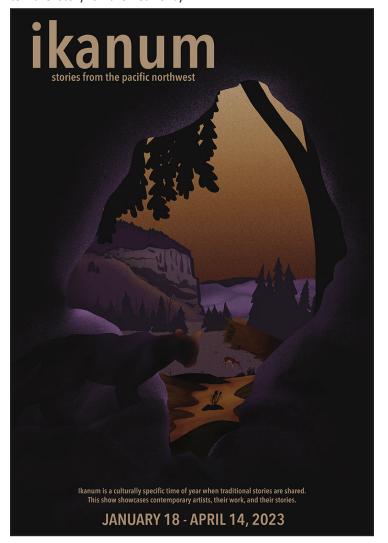
It is a center where the Tribe's Restoration is celebrated and culture is being revitalized.

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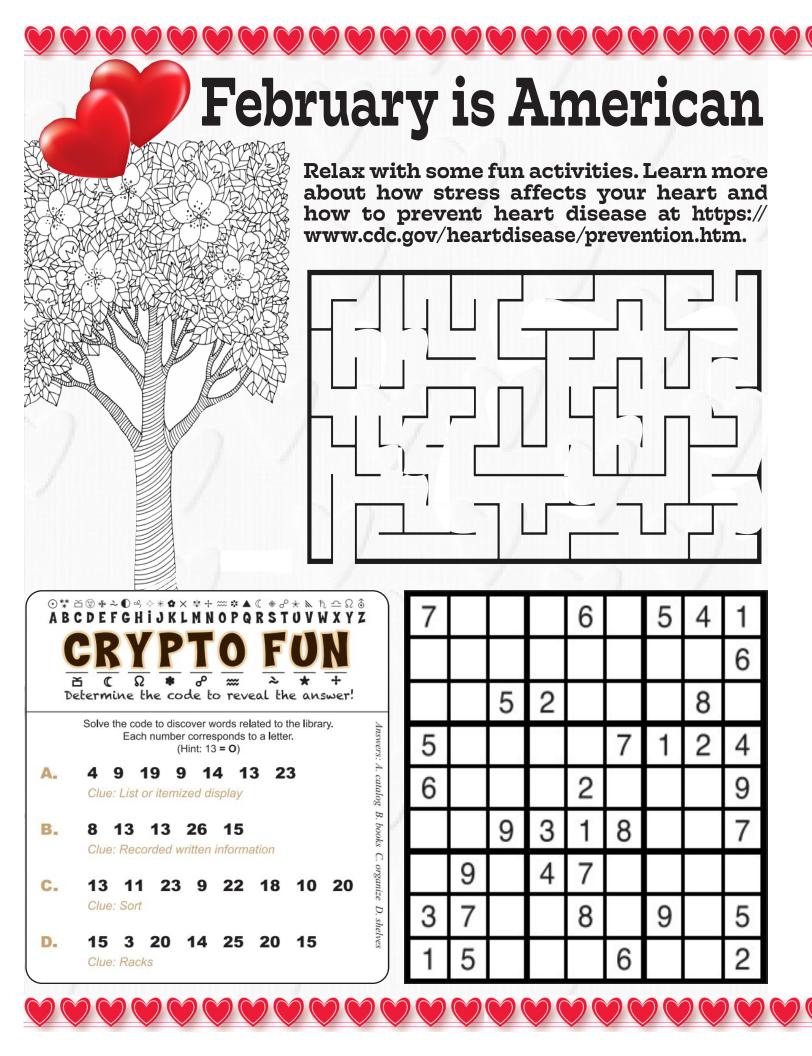
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ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

You might feel caught up in a daze this week, Aries. Your mind continues to wander, but your thoughts will settle down soon enough.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Make an effort to bring more people onto your side, Taurus. You can't possibly win everyone over, but others might be receptive to your ideas with the right approach.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

A sit down with a higher-up could be in order soon, Gemini. Explain your attributes and what you have been doing for the company and make an effort to compromise, if necessary.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, you are still following through with resolutions to be more organized. Start slowly and build up to bigger projects when you gain confidence in your abilities.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Celestial energy has you temporarily doubting your abilities, Leo. Normally you are quite confident in your creativity. Give things a little time to settle down.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, excitement could be on the horizon. Caution is needed, but don't hesitate to embrace the renewed vigor this development inspires.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, this week you may start micromanaging other people without even realizing it. You certainly want things to be in order, but sometimes you have to let others be

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Retail therapy has its allure this week, Scorpio. If you must buy, direct your purchasing dollars toward a sweetheart for Valentine's Day or another special occasion.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, ground yourself with the small luxuries in your life that bring you joy. This could be the company of friends or cherished mementos.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Misinformation seems to circulate with ease, but don't believe everything you hear this week, Capricorn. You may need to do some fact-checking of your own.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, you could be tempted to indulge in a little gossip as the rumors start flying this week. Take the high road and resist the urge to join in.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, if you feel a little off your game this week, find a friend who can offer you a pep talk. That's all you need to bounce back.

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CTE Students Get Wide Varieties of Experiences



Students from CTE Agriculture attended the National FFA convention in Indianapolis from Oct. 26-29. Pictured left to right, students, Spencer, Zach, Leanna, Mikalie, Paige, Gracie, Allison, Hailey, Angelique, and teacher David Neese.



Student Alex Bezona had never welded before his junior year. He is now one of the top high school welders in the area.



Student Ryan Peters was showing off the custom 1930 model Eh sedan that was built in 6 weeks with a limited budget. Students put in a 1932 chassis, 1932 grill, built new hood and hood sides, built and chopped roof to look like a 1932, changed front axle, hand built intake and exhaust manifold, custom built hubcaps, painted the car, hand painted lettering and numbers that the club displayed at the Grand National Roadster show Feb. 3-5.



Student Charlotte Cook discovered she was quite a talented salesperson while working the Willamina Kustoms booth. The club sold T-shirts, stickers and more all designed and made by the students.



The Agriculture crew were able to see a lot on their trip to Indianapolis, including a visit to see Mammoth Caves.



Agriculture students and teacher In a Clinton Illinois cornfield.



Willamina Kustoms Club at the Grand National Roadster Show 2023. From left to right, Evan Lockwood, Ryan Peters, Trevor Maaranan, principal Jami Fluke, LaCody Scott, Will Dunn, Alex Bezona, Jackson Abbott, Teacher T.J. Wilson, Lily Oswald, Charlotte Cook, Riley Morris, Jaylynn Hibdon, and Alyson Payne.



Teacher, T.J. Wilson works with freshman students Will Dunn and Evan Lockwood on the clubs "pit cart" where the students demonstarted metal working at the car show.



Student Lily Oswald practicing newly acquired pinstriping skills, creating a piece for the car show's charity auction, while being encouraged by classmate LaCody Scott.

Willamina Schools Are On An Upward Trajectory

The superintendent of Willamina School District Carrie Zimbrick, principal of Willamina High School, Jami Fluke and the three teachers from the CTE program: T.J. Wilson, David Neese and Rachael Bevens, all took some time from their busy schedules to talk about about a variety of school topics.

Funding:

It was announced that Oregon's K-12 public schools will receive a record \$72.2 million from the Common School Fund (CFS). Willamina School District is slated to receive \$120,484.

Superinendent Carrie Zimbrick was asked if the funding would make a big difference for the schools. She said, "The CFS is a very small component of overall funding for schools. It is great that the governor set a higher rate. Things are going in the right direction but there is still more work to be done."

Shool Improvement Plan:

In 2016, the Willamina School District was identified by the state for a School Improvement Plan, which is a monitored program to help schools increase their statistics such as standardized test scores and graduation rates. The program came with \$100,000 per year in grants to assess resources and curriculum as well as implementing any changes that are deemed necessary after the assessment. The district was sent an improvement coach from the state and appointed a district improvement team, and the team immediately acted.

In the 2015-2016 school year, when Willamina was identified for the program, the ontime graduation rate (meaning students earning a standard diploma within four years of high school) was 64.1% and the ninth grade on track (meaning that the student had earned at least six credits and is on track to graduate) was at 66.3%. By the 2017-2018 school year the on-time graduation rate was 69% and the ninth grade on track was 79%. For the 2021-2022 school year the on-time graduation rate was 83% and the ninth grade on track was at 86%. Looking at these numbers you can see a vast improvement

2021 was the last year the district received funding from this program, but the schools have continued to implement the plans and asses the needs of students to succeed.

The CTE program at Willamina High School has been a wonderful addition, according to staff. Students who actively participate in the program have nearly 100% graduation rate. From this program came the forming of Willamina Kustoms. This school club has gone to the Grand National Roadster show two years in a row. Last year they took a display they made and this year they took a custom car. Students received a grant to launch Bulldog Brew, a coffee shop that will be student run and might expand further into the culinary arts. The classes listed below give the students a jump start to a career path in the trades and many other options.

Welding 1&2 (CTE)

This course introduces students to the principles and safe practices of welding.

Advanced Welding (CTE)

This course is designed to expand welding skills and metal construction from the intro welding class through student projects and special assignments.

Automotive Technology 1 &2 (CTE)

This class is designed to teach students about automobiles as they learn daily maintenance schedules as well as trouble-shooting issues that can occur. Advanced Automotive Technology (CTE)

Advanced Auto Tech is an opportunity for advanced students who want to continue advancing their skills including, but not limited to, working on independent projects, custom projects, and special assignments.

Wood Shop 1 & 2 (CTE)

A lab-based course in the wood shop. Topics include safety, measuring, careers, resume building, wood selection, tool selection, and use, fastener selection, AET, and project creation.

Advanced Wood Shop (CTE)

Students will dive into using more advanced technologies for AET, drafting, laser engraving, and CNC routering.

Forestry (CTE)

This course introduces a variety of Forestry topics: management techniques, careers, history, wild land fire science, drones, chainsaws, traditions, multi-use land, timber cruising, scaling, board feet, diseases, tree ID, AET, politics, logging, and wood production.

Horticulture (CTE)

This course is an introduction to

the principles and practices in the development, production, and use of horticultural crops (soils, greenhouse, turf, nursery, floral, and landscape).

Agriculture I & 2 (CTE)

Agriculture allows students to be exposed to industry standards and future career paths. Students can earn four 100-level college credits through Linn-Benton Community College and OSU.

Animal Science (CTE)

This course focuses on the livestock industry. Topics include animal care, breed identification, parts identification, animal housing, herd management, animal identification/tracking, nomenclature, feeds and ration balancing, herd health, housing, livestock issues, meat science, livestock selection, careers, record keeping, and history.

English (CTE)

This course emphasizes communication skills such as reading, writing, listening, speaking and concentrating on "real-world" applications. The school also offers two new electives:

Media Production (Elective)

Media/Production students will learn how to film, edit, and create a variety of multimedia projects as well as the basic principles of photography and audio design.

Innovations (Elective)

Students will learn all about the design thinking process through a variety of hands-on activities. The "fentanyl incident":

The incident that took place at a Willamina school when suspected fentanyl use rocked the community. However, it seems the incident was a rare occurrence. A statement made by a Grand Ronde Tribal Police Officer noted that if the school had a severe fentanyl abuse problem, they would be seeing students overdose. Not only have they not had to deal with a tragedy of that kind, what they saw in the aftermath was an outcry from students sending a clear message that they do not want drugs at their school. The incident seems to have pushed the student body into more of an "If you see something say something," attitude. The school has had a consistent response to this and other issues with teachers who care and respond first with kindness. The student body are in general supportive of each other. The school offers mental health counseling, drug education and a resource officer on site. The staff take a "restorative justice" approach when dealing with tough situations, meaning they challenge the kids to take personal responsibility to make things right.

The student identified to be involved in the incident was a senior. The school took a compassionate response will allow the student to graduate via courses from home.

When asked why that choice versus expulsion, Carrie Zimbrick said, "Do we want to put a barrier on one of our community members? Let us remove the barriers to have a clean start to adulthood with one less hurdle." Houselessness affecting school and students:

The McKinney-Vento Act, the School of Origin Program, and the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) mandates responsibilities for educating students who have experienced a relocation, providing stability for students to stay in their school of origin. The district has met all requirements in these acts and go well above and beyond.

Community partners such as The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Hampton Lumber, Skyberg Lumber and Hardware, Boise Cascade, Tina Miller Thrift Store, Walsh Trucking, Kiwanis, and many others donate money and/or materials to the schools. Many times, families can be provided with gas or grocery cards, vouchers for clothing, school supplies or whatever the individual need be. The school liaison works with individuals and families to ensure they receive help with as many needs as pos-

Currently, six new classrooms are being constructed onto the existing middle school. A much-needed addition as the high school is currently hosting three middle school classrooms. With limited space, almost every closet is stuffed full of the supplies for these children and families. Jami Fluke has a vision that someday there may be enough space to open a storefront at the school, allowing those who need clothing or school supplies to go in and look at nicely organized racks and shelves and shop with dignity and pride. She believes this would make an excellent student project in the future. Jami Fluke stated, "It is heartwarming to see how much the students care about each other, even among their differ-



Bulldogs Come Out on Top at 1A /2A Special District Championships

The Willamina High School wrestling team won the Special District 1 Championships for 1A/2A. The Bulldogs finished with three individual championships, and Coach Ariah Fasana was awarded Special District 1 Coach of the Year.

Eight wrestlers will be headed to the Oregon State Wrestling Championships on Feb. 23-24 at the Veteran's Memorial Coliseum.

Willamina participants and place winners (weight, wrestler, and rank, if any): 113, Kisor Savage, second; 113, Corban Hibdon, fourth; 120, Adoniyah Stanton, first; 126, Shaun Jones, fourth; 132, Devin Huston, fifth; 132, Romel Isiordia; 138, Kaden Konovalov, third; 138, Evan Kyllonen, sixth; 145, Gage Bishop, third; 145, Daniel Bazzy; 152, Austin Johnson, first; 152, Karsen Towner; 160, Finnian Clemans, second; 160, Orrin Reid; 195, Bodhi Baller, third; 220, Rhyne Nelson, first; 220, Alejandro Arenas.

The top three finishers from each weight class have qualified for state championships. There are only two seniors and two juniors on this year's team. But, coach Ariah said, "They competed really well for such a young group."

West Valley Sports

DHS Boys Rip Chemawa 91-59

Herb Swett

Delphian's boys had their highest-scoring game of the season Monday, Feb. 6, whipping Chemawa there 91-59.

First-quarter shooting started cold on both sides but gradually warmed up, with the visiting Dragons getting the edge. Delphian's Jonas Zhong made two three-point shots. The period ended with Delphi leading 16-12. The second quarter started as an even match, but with the score tied at 19, Jonas Zhong sank a three. The Dragons stayed hot, with Memo Cervantes and Lucas Curry each making a trey, and at halftime the score was 43-30.

The third quarter was close, with the Braves' Devin Jim making two treys early in the period, but a team effort by the Dragons widened the lead a bit, and after three, Delphi was ahead 64-49. In the fourth quarter, the Dragons poured it on. Zhong and Curry led the way, and Curry ended up with 20 points. Neal Chinodafuka, who was solid throughout the game without

hot streaks, was No. 2 for Delphi with 16.

Delphian's overall season includes a long losing streak. Asked what he had been working on to turn the team around, Coach JJ Gonzales said, "Controlling turnovers and boxing out."

Sheridan Matmen Take 4th, 5th Places **Herb Swett**

Two fourth and two fifth places went to Sheridan wrestlers Saturday, Feb. 11, at the 3A District 2 meet in Scio.

Placing fourth in their weight divisions were Jordan Brace at 170 pounds and Joseph Trammell at 285. Fifth places went to Seth Barnes, 120, and Samuel Flinn,

Harrisburg as a school placed first in the eight-school meet with 389 points. The Spartans

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West Valley Sports

Lady Bulldogs Down Santiam Wolverines

Herb Swett

A playoff victory for Willamina's girls Saturday advanced them to the next round, which was played at Colton on Monday after this week's press time.

Playing at Sheridan because of an electrical problem at Willamina, the Bulldogs downed the Santiam Wolverines 33-26 in a defense-dominated game.

For the first quarter, Willamina came up with only seven points but shut out the visitors from Mill City. The first score was a three-point shot by Alexis Wertz, who then stole the ball for a possession that ended with Zoie Sickles' two successful shots from the foul line.

The Wolverines' first points came early in the second quarter after Brooke Massey was fouled in the act of shooting. She sank both her shots. Santiam's points included a three from Alexa Clark, and the visitors actually outscored the Bulldogs by two points in the period. The half-time score was Willamina 15, Santiam 10.

After an exchange of steals in the third quarter, Brianna Buswell made an inside shot that was followed soon by another three from Wertz. A layup from Brooklynn Bailey and an ou7tside shot by Sickles widened the Bulldogs' lead, and they ended the period with a 27-14 lead.

Each team added 12 points in the fourth quarter. The Bulldogs widened the lead at first, but the Wolverines did most of the scoring in the closing minutes.

"They played a great game for 3-1/2 quarters," coach Tom Anderson said of his Bulldogs. "It got sloppy toward the end."



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Braves Beat DHS Girls Herb Swett

An inexperienced Delphian JV girls team (no girls varsity this season) took a 44-20 thrashing from the Chemawa Indian School varsity girls Monday, Feb. 6, at Chemawa.

The Dragons actually led 12-8 after the first quarter but were shut out in the second and fourth periods. Mika Kozhakhan scored the first three buckets of the game and had a steal before making the fourth basket of the game. Then the Braves got a few baskets, mostly by Anna Dickens.

In the second quarter, Chemawa pulled ahead while allowing the Dragons only four more points. At halftime, the score was 26-12

Delphian outscored Chemawa 8-5 in the third quarter, but the Braves held the lead after three at 31-20.

Jaynee Creemedicine led the way to the Braves' domination of the fourth quarter.

"We're starting a program from scratch," coach Brandon Lidgard said of his DHS team. "Our girls have made great improvements."

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WHS Boys Keep Winning

Herb Swett

Willamina's boys followed a home victory over Delphian with A Tri-River Conference playoff win over Colton and a Tuesday game at Kennedy played after press time.

The Bulldogs whipped Delphian 56-45 at home Thursday and downed Colton 64-59 Saturday in a hard-fought game played at Sheridan because of an electrical problem in Willamina.

Willamina 56, Delphian 45

The Bulldogs started strong against a Delphian team that has shown big improvements recently. Willamina got the tipoff, but the Dragons' Memo Cervantes stole the ball and did not get it through the basket, and Willamina's Cohen Haller grabbed the rebound. Teammate Austin Lyons made a layin for the first score. Willamina dominated the rest of the first quarter, with three-point shots from Kaikanim Mercier, Haller and Adam Atherton. The period ended with the Bulldogs ahead

In the second quarter, the Drag-

ons' shooting improved, including a triple from Evans Bi, but Willamina was hotter. Mercier and Atherton shot their second treys of the game, and Cervantes had one. Austin Carasco, fouled in the act of shooting, made both his shots from the line, and the first half ended with the Bulldogs ahead 28-15. The Bulldogs cooled off in the third quarter, but their visitors got hot. A three-pointer from Delphi's Neal Chinodakufa started the scoring. Willamina's Dylan Graham responded with a three. A few plays later, the Dragons' Lucas Curry stole the ball for a possession that ended with Edward Su sinking both his shots from the foul line. Layins from Su and Chinodakufa soon followed. Haller shot a three, but the period soon ended after more buckets from Chinodakufa

In the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs' shooting improved enough for Willamina to retake the lead for good. Haller, Kaleb Cruickshank and Atherton shot treys, as did the Dragons' Cole Saphire. Willamina also had better ball control than the Dragons

and Su tied the score at 33.

Haller led the Bulldog scorers with 15 points. Atherton had 13 and Graham 11. Su was the Dragons' top scorer with 15.

"We didn't have the right energy in the third quarter," Bulldog coach Cliff Toney said. "We had a good fourth quarter, ramped up our defense."

JJ Gonzalez, Delphi's coach, said his players continued to show improvement after struggling most of the season.

Willamina 64, Colton 59

This was anybody's game almost to the end. Colton took the tipoff and was ahead during most of the first quarter. The period was full of three-point shots, four by the Vikings' Mason Laws. The Bulldogs had one each by Atherton, Haller, Graham and Cruickshank. At the end of the first period, the score was 19-19.

Cruickshank started the second-quarter scoring with a three. Haller then stole the ball, and Cruickshank made a layin to give Willamina a 24-19 lead. Atherton had two more treys and Graham one. Atherton stole the ball twice, with the first steal followed by a Cruickshank layin and the second leading to a three by Graham. At halftime, the Bulldogs had a 35-26 lead.

Colton's Michael Irving started the third quarter scoring and was answered by an outside shot from Atherton. After Irving sank two free throws, Willamina's Austin Carasco made a layin. Logan Pierce made a three for the Vikings, and later in the period Graham made two. At the end of the third, the Bulldogs were up 49-43.

The Vikings got hot at the start of the fourth quarter, and soon the score was 49-49. After a brief Bulldog shooting slump, Cruickshank made a triple. Colton coach Joe Casey soon called a timeout that was followed by a layin from the Vikings' Noah Bjornstedt. Haller then shot a three, and after Graham stole the ball, Toney called a timeout with his team ahead 58-56. Soon after that, Carasco sank two free throws. A Colton timeout followed with 36.2 seconds left in the game, but the Vikings could not catch up.

"Colton came to play today,"
Toney said. "We kept thinking
we might pull away, but they
kept I it close, and we stayed on
top."



Corky is hiding somewhere inside every edition of The Bulletin Board. Challenge your friends to see who can find him first.

Opioid Disorder Help Available Weekdays

Great Circle Recovery offers support for opioid use disorder from 9-11 a.m., Monday-Friday, at the upper Health and Wellness parking lot, 9615 Grand Ronde Road in Grand Ronde.

The local mobile medication unit offers support for opioid use, resources, and information for all. For more information, call Great Circle Recovery at 503-983-9900.



The Oregon District III Honor Choir, on February 10 and 11, in Scappoose, Oregon. New music teacher Derek Evers nominated two middle school students he thought excelled with excellence in vocal abilities and maturity. It was no question to him that 8th graders Norah Petersen and Nolan Boekhoff could rise to the occasion. They learned five songs in two days lead by a professional director. Both students said it was a great experience.







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GOLDEN WEDS - Mr. and Mrs. Joe Billson of Grand Ronde were honored Feb. 16 with a golden wedding anniversary reception given by their children. The Billsons were presented with a golden money tree and several other gifts. A large number of guests attended and refreshments and decorations were handled by women of the Methodist church. (Photo by Bernice Soules.)



SHINY SHERIDAN fire department salvage and disaster unit is displayed by Chief Cecil A. Harrison (left) and Assistant Chief Ade Pelzer. Built and bought by the fire department with funds raised through dances and contributions, the rig and equipment is valued at about \$10,000. It has been in service for several months, but now is fully-equipped. (Sun Photo 125).



GOLDEN WEDS - Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Leith were feted by 50 friends and relatives on their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday. The Leiths at their home on Rt. 1, Sheridan. The Leiths were married in the Lutheran church in Kalerim, Iowa Feb. 18, 1914.



SESSION LEADERS - Spearheading arrangements for the Oregon Association of Education Secretarial regional meeting Saturday at Sheridan High school were three Sheridan women. Mrs. Edith Dunn (standing right), president of the OAES, said the meeting was "highly successful." Making arrangements were (left to right) Mrs. Carl Moore, district clerk; Nepple Lou Bell, secretary at Chapman school; and Mrs. Marvin Widness, secretary at the high school. (Sun Photo 114).

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